













## Poetry.

For Zion's Herald.

## SLAVE MARY AND AUCTION BLOCK.

By Mrs. Mary D. James.

Thoughts suggested by seeing the slave of the Charleston Slave Mart, and the slave of the Boston Stock, exhibited to the public, on the evening of March 9, 1865.

What do I see? Four gilded letters—MART.

What import what? Ah, to the slave's poor heart

What sorrow did it give, what anguish send!

What grief, what grief, what deeper woe portend!

Beings immortal, God's own image, sold

As goods and chattels, or dumb beasts, behold!

What mean these steps, all stained with bitter tears?

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With grief convulsed, up to the Auction Block,

That rent the fibres of the tender heart;

For there, the cruel doom was sealed, to part

With those they loved as life, to none more dear,

Till the dark dreary day of life was o'er.

What scenes were those! What pencil could portray

The parting on the dreadful auction day!

When mothers from their tender babes were driven,

And fondest, strongest human ties were riven!

O, who can tell the crushing weight of woe

Those steps have borne! or who describe the flow

Of scalding tears, that o'er the cheeks were poured

From heart-wounds, deeper than the lash had scored!

In the poor quivering child! Omniscient God!

Thy vengeance slumbered long,—but O, thy rod

Falls heavily upon oppressors now!

Just Retribution! God indites the blow!

He meets to them in fearful vengeance now!

Of those which were meted out to each and soul!

Those cruel wrongs, His searching eye had seen,

Those deeds of crime from Him they could not screen.

Lo! now He comes, in dreadful majesty

To avenge those wrongs, and set the captives free!

How changed the scene! How wondrous, how sublime!

That vile spot of blood, no longer crime,

Rebellion's birth-place, now the scene of peace

Our nation's glorious flag on Sumner's brow!

Our country's high removed—Slavery's foul stain

Erased, no more to curse the land again!

The grief and tears and pangs it caused are o'er!

The glad and happy smiles are on our face

Of Boston, Massachusetts, that of all

The States most hated by the traitorous band,

But dear to loyal hearts through all our land.

Just are thy judgments, great, tremendous God!

Righteous are all thy ways, and true thy word.

To thee all knees shall bow, all tongues be still,

While thou shalt work thy glorious sovereign will.

Amen! Amen! Rise up, O God, to save

Our nation's woe, and vindicate thy name!

Now by the sword thy work thou hast begun,

O, let the great stupendous work be done!

Sin's vile pollution sweep from earth away,

And all the nations own thy sovereign sway.

Set up thy kingdom, O God, of peace and love,

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through Jesus Christ our Lord." It was in the dead hour of night, when deep sleep fallen on man, but he roused all in the house. A few days after this he fell sweetly asleep in Jesus, in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

Those who knew him longest and best, will long remember him as the kind, honest, and firm, and affectionate father, the honest and obliging business man, the public spirited and enterprising citizen, the faithful and efficient officer, the modest and uniform Christian, as well as his profound regard for right, strict and sacred observance of the Sabbath, and love of truth and duty, which gave to his example great and useful power where he was known. His sense of social and religious propriety was lofty and exalted, equalled by few, and excelled by none. This showed itself not only in his early and persistent efforts for the culture and education of his own children, but also, that of all others around him, and especially that of the young people of his town. Social and moral worth found in him, to his last hour, appreciation seldom found anywhere, which rendered him one of the most useful citizens.

On the occasion of his burial, amid the glorious splendors of the holy Sabbath, from the church where he had long worshipped, an able and impressive discourse was preached by Rev. Silas Quimby, to a large assembly of his numerous friends. Truly, "The dead are not dead in glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness." L. D. BARROWS.

Chester, Mass., March 14, 1865.

## Children.

**LOVE YOUR LITTLE BROTHER.**  
I had a little friend,  
And every day he crept  
In to my brother's room,  
And laid down by his side,  
And when I asked him why  
He crept in so late and late,  
He answered through his tears,  
"Because I love my little brother."  
"Sometimes I was not kind,  
Or cross or coldly spoke,"  
And then he turned away, and sobbed  
As though his heart would break.  
Brothers and sisters are a gift  
Of mercy from the skies;  
And may I always think of this  
When'er they meet my eyes:  
Be tender, good and kind,  
And love them in my heart,  
Let I should do with better cheer,  
When we are called to part.

Mrs. Signory.

## A NEW BEGINNING.

How beautiful everything looks! Isn't it lovely, Milly?

"Splendid! Just see how the old brown branches are all covered with the dearest little green leaves; and everything looks so fresh and new. But I don't like to hurry to go to bed and get through with my dinner; I noticed all this when I got up this morning, and it has put an idea into my head."

"An idea! what is it?" asked Frank, as they went into the parlor.

"O, you'll see!" then, when they were quietly seated at their lunch, she said, "Now guess, can't you?"

"Let me see; you're going to work at your flower bed, and plant your seeds right away—that is it?"

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